LINCOLN, NEB--Congressman Jeff Fortenberry released the following statement in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Dr. Martin Luther King gave his life for the noblest ideals of America. He boldly proclaimed that an orderly and just society must be built upon mutual respect and the dignity of each person. His sacrifice changed the culture of our country. He stared down the evil of racism and began the healing process from the residue of slavery. We honor his legacy today as a great American who moved us toward a fuller understanding of the founding principles of our country: that all persons are created equal."

###